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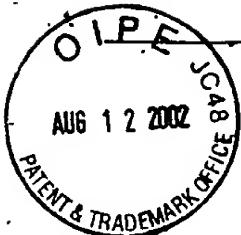
**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT APPLICATION  
37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5)**

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., owner by assignment of the above patent application, in the assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 1999, on Frame 0263, Reel 010117, hereby consents to the amendment of the inventorship of this patent application as requested in the accompanying papers to add Donald L. Crevier, Joel Johnson and David J. Matthews as co-inventors.

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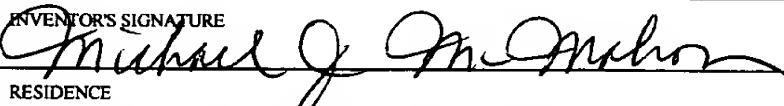
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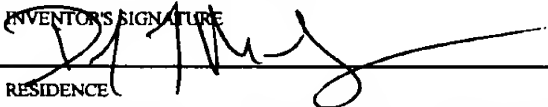
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1. This is a request under 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1) for correction of error in a nonjoinder of inventor in the above patent application. It is respectfully requested that the PTO enter and consider this amendment.
2. Enclosed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) are:
  - A. a statement of non-deceptive intent from each person who is being added as an inventor (37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2));
  - B. a declaration by the actual inventors (37 CFR § 1.48(a)(3)) – the declaration is submitted as a first original signed by five of the six actual inventors and as a second original signed by the sixth of the actual five inventors;
  - C. a check in the amount of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(4) to cover the processing fee. Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 769-236 Div. 6. An extra copy of this sheet is attached for that purpose;
  - D. the written consent of the assignee (37 CFR § 1.48(a)(5)).

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